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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on May 21, 2002 as Paper No. 9 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The Species election of Figure 1 is non-responsive because it is not clear to the examiner if the various embodiments are deemed to be obvious variants of the same invention by the applicant. The applicant states in the remarks that the figures show "minor permutations of the same invention". However the applicant then further states that one embodiment shown in figure 3 "shows the replacement of the bleeder resistor 160 of Figure 1 with the electrical switch", and that figure 4 shows "an alternative embodiment". These comments appear to further confirm that there are distinct species in the application. It should be clear on the record whether applicant deems the species merely obvious variants of the same invention. If this is the case applicant is reminded that if one of the species is found the statement of obvious variants can be used to reject all other species in the application. If this is not the case then applicant should provide a listing of all the claims readable on the species. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robin O. Evans whose telephone number is (703) 305-5766. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 6:30-4:00 and alternating Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Henry Yuen can be reached on (703) 308-1946. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7766 for regular communications and (703) 308-7766 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

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